Stormy September weather

9 September 2011 - Forecasters at the Met Office are predicting a spell of very windy weather over the coming days.

Many parts of the UK are likely to see gusty conditions through the weekend, with the highest wind speeds most likely over northern and western regions of the country.

Later on Sunday and into Monday, post Tropical Storm Katia is expected to approach the UK, bringing the risk of severe gales and storm force winds in places.

Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, Eddie Carroll said: "Although it will be very windy everywhere, it is uncertain as to exactly which parts of the country will see the very strongest winds - so we advise everyone to stay up to date with the very latest forecast warnings."

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Met Office Chief Forecaster Eddie Carroll explains the latest forecast from the Met Office and the challenges in forecasting this type of weather. (PDF, 78 kB)

The predicted high winds could coincide with high tides and western coasts in particular could be at risk from localised flooding.

During next week, winds are expected to ease but it will remain blustery across much of the country.

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Katia expected to bring stormy weather to the UK

Eddie Carroll – Chief Forecaster

Ok so here's Hurricane Katia on Friday morning, an intense feature just off the eastern seaboard of the US, quite a long way from the UK right across the Atlantic, but it is expected to come quite quickly towards us over the weekend. If we look at a model prediction it gets caught up in the westerly flow across the Atlantic and really starts to accelerate towards us during Saturday and Sunday so that by the time we get to Monday we expect it to be positioned quite centrally over the UK. Unfortunately this sort of transition from a hurricane which it is currently to more of a standard mid-latitude depression is a difficult one to predict with confidence so at the moment there is still a fair amount of uncertainty about the track and also the strength of the winds around the depression. At the moment we have a warning out across a large part of northern and western UK to cover the possibilities of both a more southern track and a northern track, but we do expect to up date that warning across the weekend so we advise people to check out the Met Office website for the latest warning at any given stage.